



Board of Transportation Meeting

April 7, 2016



*North Carolina Scenic Byway Program
Action Items*



North Carolina Scenic Byway Program — *action items*



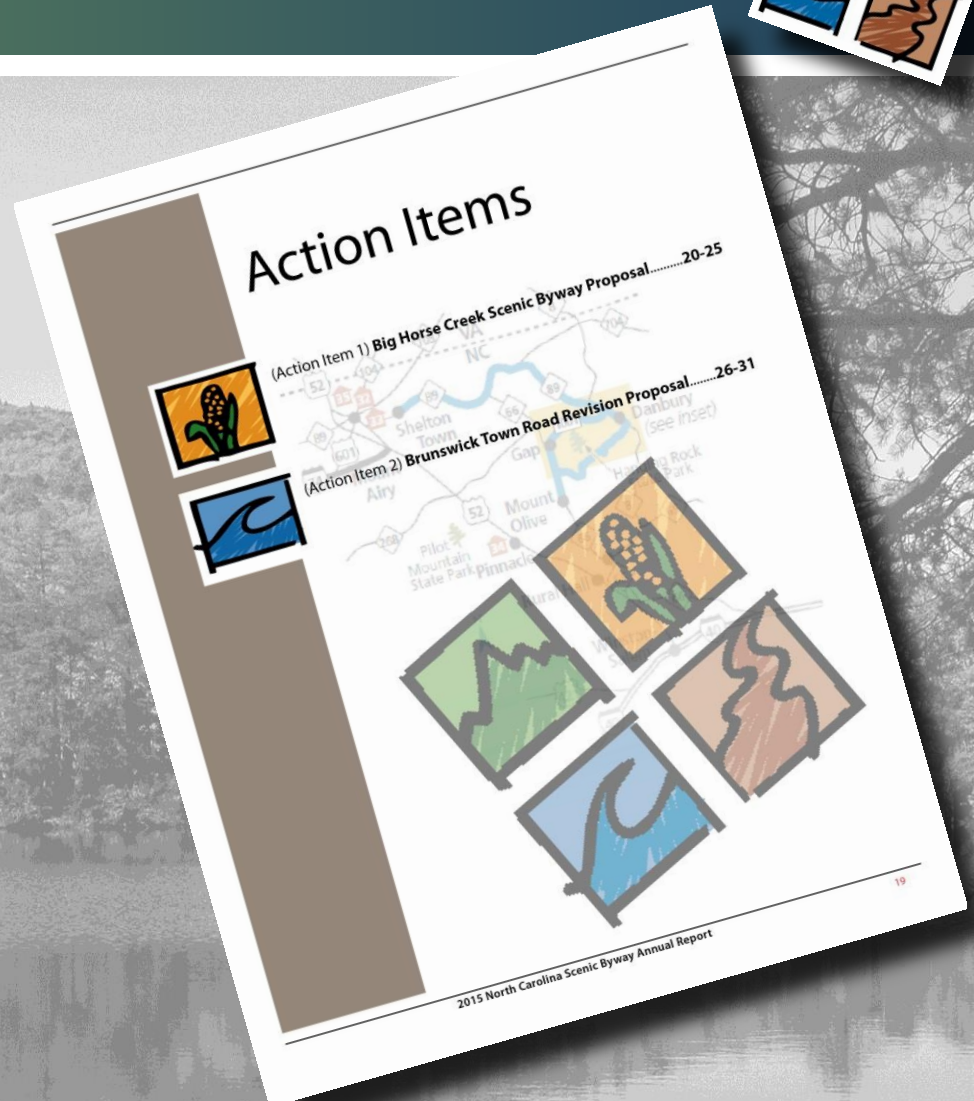
Action Items

❖ Scenic Byway Proposal

Big Horse Creek Scenic Byway

❖ Scenic Byway Revision

Brunswick Town Road



Action Item 1 – Big Horse Scenic Byway



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Byway Proposal



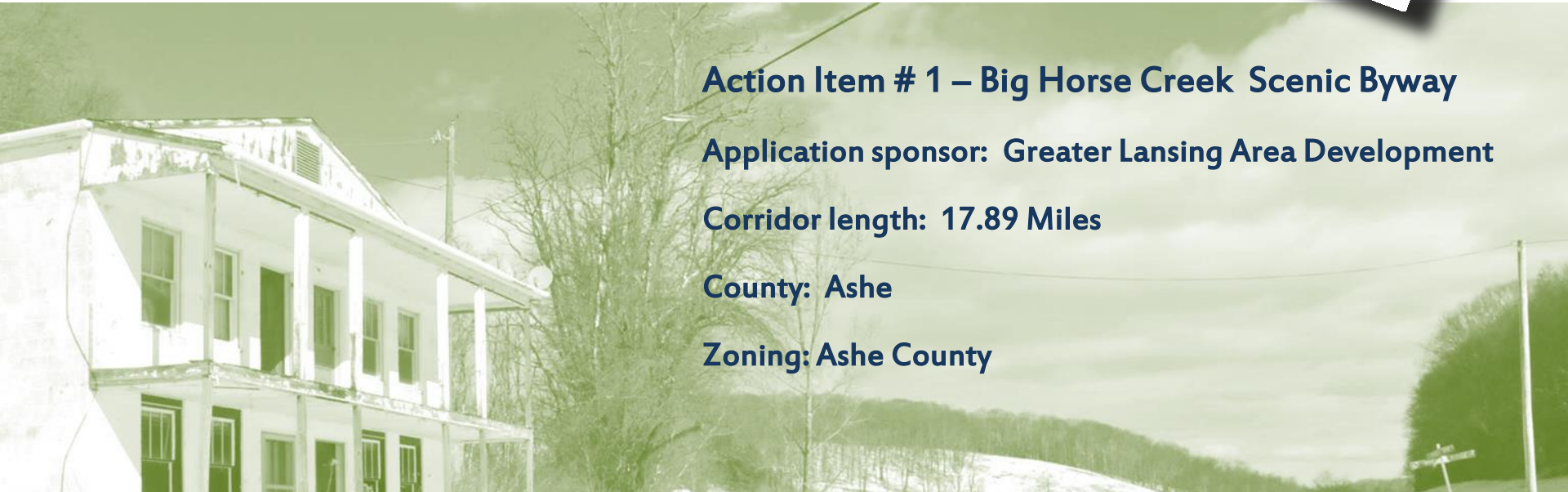
Action Item # 1 – Big Horse Creek Scenic Byway

Application sponsor: Greater Lansing Area Development

Corridor length: 17.89 Miles

County: Ashe

Zoning: Ashe County

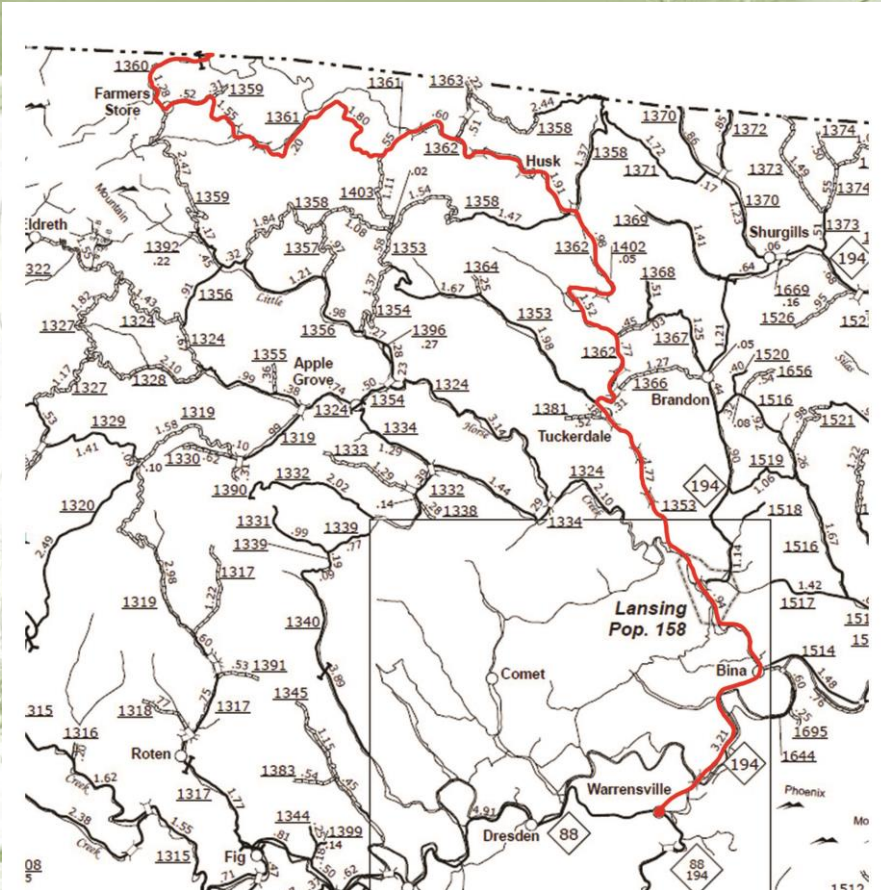


This secluded mountain area is sparsely populated with scattered farmhouses, barns and country churches. The proposed byway winds back and forth as it follows first the North Fork of the New River and then Big Horse Creek. The rugged mountain terrain is densely wooded except where it gives way to pasture along the creek bottoms and extending up the bluffs.

Remnants of the 'Creeper Railroad' can be seen from much of the byway. Lansing is one of the stops on the Blue Ridge Music Trail and the home of the Ola Belle music festival. Pond Mountain, a Wildlife Conservation area can be viewed from the proposed route as well as Phoenix Mountain.

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Byway Proposal



Action Item # 1 – Big Horse Creek Scenic Byway

Route Description: The proposed byway begins in Warrensville at

NC 194 – 3.6 Miles

SR 1353 – 2.6 Miles
South Big Horse Creek Road

SR 1362 – 6.4 Miles
Big Horse Creek Road

SR 1361 – 3.5 Miles
Rip Shin Road

SR 1359 – 0.52 Miles
Whenlin Ridge Road

SR 1360 – 1.27 Miles
Farmers Store Road

The proposed byway ends at the North Carolina and Virginia state line

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County: Ashe

Zoning: Ashe County

Recommendation – Designate the proposed Big Horse Creek Scenic Byway and integrate into the North Carolina Scenic Byway Program

Action Item 2 – Revision to Brunswick Town Road



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Byway Revision Proposal



Action Item # 2 – Revision to Brunswick Town Road - Designated in March, 1990

Current corridor length – 3 miles

Proposed corridor length – 2.3 miles

County: Brunswick

This coastal byway takes you by Orton Pond, an artificial pond built in 1890, where alligators are often observed basking in the warm sun along the shore line. Brunswick Town State Historic Site provides byway travelers a lesson in North Carolina history. Settled in 1725, the town was home to two governors, Saint Phillips Anglican Church built in 1751, and it played a role in port battles in both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

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Byway Revision Proposal



Action Item # 2 – Revision to Brunswick Town Road – Designated in March, 1990



In 2015, 0.48 miles of Plantation Road (SR 1529) was removed from the North Carolina state road system. This section was also the beginning of the Brunswick Town Road byway. To compensate for this removal, extension of the byway to include 0.3 miles of Orton Road (SR 1530) from the intersection with NC 133 to the intersection with Plantation Road (SR 1529), would again connect the byway to the NC route and provide easier access and better visibility to byway signing.

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Byway Revision Proposal



Action Item # 2 – Revision to Brunswick Town Road – Designated in March, 1990

Route Description:

Existing to be removed:

Plantation Road – 0.48 miles
(SR 1529)

Proposed Extension:

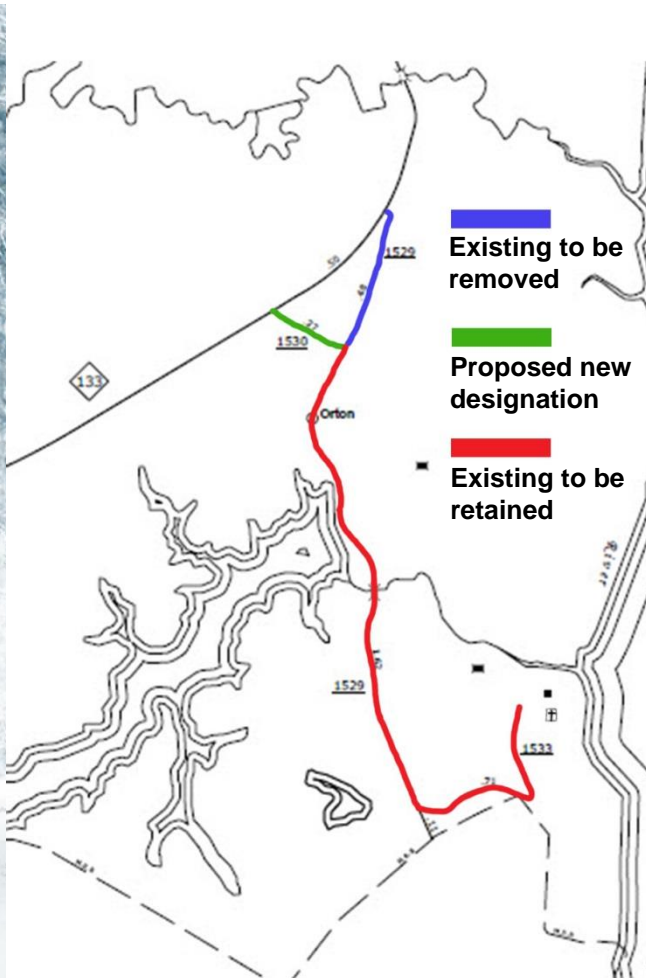
Orton Road - 0.3 miles
(SR 1530)

Existing to be retained:

Plantation Road – 1.6 miles
(SR 1529)

Existing to be retained:

Saint Phillips Road – 0.4 miles (plus 0.2 miles to historic site) (SR 1533)



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County: Brunswick

Recommendation: Revise Brunswick Town Road Scenic Byway to delete 0.48 miles of Plantation Road (SR 1529) from NC 133 to SR 1530 and designate 0.3 miles of Orton Road (SR 1530) from NC 133 to SR 1529 as part of the Brunswick Town Road byway.